
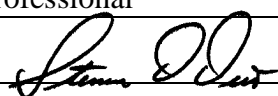
	SATOP BULLETIN			
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1. Effected Programs:

1.1. OMU, OEP, ADEP, WIP, CIP, YCIP and SROP.

2. Purpose:

- 2.1. The purpose of this bulletin is to provide clarification of the QSAP requirements, define the SATOP Qualified Professional (QP) certification, and establish areas of responsibility of a QP. This bulletin also explains the Qualified Substance Abuse Professional (QSAP) designation and how it applies to the “general treatment” community (CSTAR, Primary Recovery Plus) and SATOP. Previously, QSAP requirements have been categorized based on non-SATOP and SATOP factors. To help differentiate between these two categories, the SATOP QSAP designation became known simply as “Qualified Professional”.
- 2.2. Two factors are significant in the pursuit of these objectives: 1) the QSAP definition in the ADA Certification Standards prior to April 30, 2007 (old) and, 2) the QSAP definition after that date (revised).

3. Background:

- 3.1. Generally speaking, there are two types of QSAP designations: 1) general treatment (PR+, CSTAR,) and, 2) SATOP.

3.1.1. GENERAL TREATMENT QSAP

- 3.1.1.1. The general treatment “QSAP” designation differs from the SATOP “QSAP” certification. The general treatment QSAP designation signifies that an individual has other credentials and experience that qualifies him/her to offer substance abuse treatment services. The QSAP itself is not a certification, license, or registration. Nor is it a standalone recognition; its assignment is dependent, in part, on a separate license, certification or registration.
- 3.1.1.2. In the “general treatment” community the service provider is responsible for designating QSAP’s in accordance with qualifying criteria in the ADA Certification Standards. There is no “certification” for a QSAP in the “general treatment” community.

- 3.1.1.3. QSAP designation qualifies the individual to offer substance abuse treatment services in a CIP, YCIP or SROP setting.

NOTE

An Associate Substance Abuse Counselor is also allowed to provide treatment services in these settings; however, some restrictions apply. For example, an associate counselor is not authorized to conduct an assessment and all counselor functions performed by an associate counselor shall be performed pursuant to the supervisor's control, oversight, guidance and full professional responsibility.

3.1.2. SATOP QSAP

- 3.1.2.1. The SATOP "QSAP" certification is a "certification" that signifies an individual meets certain criteria that qualifies him/her to offer specific SATOP services in an OMU, OEP, ADEP and WIP setting in accordance with ADA Certification Standards.

- 3.1.2.2. In the SATOP community, the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse is responsible for certifying QSAP's in accordance with qualifying criteria in the Certification Standards.

- 3.1.2.3. QSAP certification is awarded to individuals who meet basic QSAP requirements (in accordance with ADA Certification Standards) and complete SATOP-specific training for particular programs (OMU, OEP, ADEP, and WIP).

- 3.1.2.4. Some SATOP services can be delivered by a certified instructor; however, some must be delivered by a "certified" QSAP.

- 3.2. To avoid confusion between a "designated" QSAP in the general treatment community and a "certified" QSAP in SATOP, the latter was renamed, "Qualified Professional". To date, the Certification Standards have not been revised to clarify this issue. In practice, this did not present a problem until the recent revision to the QSAP definition in the Certification Standards and former Division Director, Michael Couty, announced exceptions to the new requirements.
- 3.3. When the new QSAP definition was proposed, there was concern about its impact on existing SATOP staffing. Former Division Director, Michael Couty, announced that the qualifications of SATOP Qualified Professional (QP) staff allowing them to perform OMU, OEP, ADEP and WIP duties would not be affected by the new QSAP definition changes. However, the new QSAP criteria would apply to QSAP's providing services in CIP's, YCIP's and SROP's.
- 3.4. To minimize staffing issues associated with the more restrictive QSAP criteria, the Missouri Substance Abuse Counselors' Certification Board (MSACCB) developed the Registered Substance Abuse Professional (RSAP) credential. This allowed individuals who met the QSAP qualifications under the old Certification Standards, but would not do so under the proposed revisions, an opportunity to qualify as a RSAP. A RSAP is able to provide the same services as a QSAP. The RSAP application deadline was June 30, 2007. No new RSAP applications will be accepted.

- 3.5. Staff must have the RSAP or QSAP designation in order to conduct CIP, YCIP or SROP treatment services or be an associate counselor closely supervised in accordance with ADA Certification Standards.

4. Action:

- 4.1. The current QSAP definition, that applies to general treatment, in ADA Certification Standard 9 CSR 10-7.140 (RR) is as follows:
- 4.1.1. QUALIFIED SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL, a person who demonstrates substantial knowledge and skill regarding substance abuse by being one (1) of the following—
- 4.1.1.1. A physician or qualified mental health professional who is licensed in Missouri with at least one (1) year of full-time experience in the treatment of persons with substance use disorders;
- 4.1.1.2. A person who is certified or registered as a substance abuse professional by the Missouri Substance Abuse Counselors Certification Board, Inc.; or
- 4.1.1.3. An individual who is within one (1) year of meeting one of the above criteria and has a department approved written training plan.
- 4.1.2. All services requiring QSAP designation may also be conducted by a Registered Substance Abuse Professional (RSAP).
- 4.2. **The certified SATOP QSAP that was referred to as a Qualified Professional will now be called a “SATOP Qualified Professional”.** The SATOP Qualified Professional definition is as follows:
- 4.2.1. SATOP QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL, a person who demonstrates substantial knowledge and skill regarding substance abuse by being either—
- 4.2.1.1. A counselor, psychologist, social worker or physician licensed in Missouri who has at least one (1) year of full-time experience in the treatment or rehabilitation of substance abuse;
- 4.2.1.2. A graduate of an accredited college or university with a master's degree in social work, counseling, psychology, psychiatric nursing or closely related field, who has at least two (2) years of full-time experience in the treatment or rehabilitation of substance abuse;
- 4.2.1.3. A graduate of an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in social work, counseling, psychology or closely related field, who has at least three (3) years of full-time experience in the treatment or rehabilitation of substance abuse; or
- 4.2.1.4. A person who is certified or registered as a substance abuse professional by the Missouri Substance Abuse Counselors Certification Board, Inc.

- 4.3. Until such time that the ADA Certification Standards are revised and the SATOP Manual is updated, all references to “Qualified Substance Abuse Professional” in the SATOP Certification Standards, as well as the SATOP Manual in which “Qualified Substance Abuse Professional” is used in reference to OMU, OEP, ADEP or WIP services, should now be considered a “SATOP Qualified Professional” rather than a Qualified Substance Abuse Professional.
- 4.4. If a QSAP or RSAP wishes to offer OMU, OEP, ADEP or WIP services, he/she must be certified as a SATOP Qualified Professional.
- 4.5. A SATOP Qualified Instructor certification qualifies an individual to conduct educational activities in any SATOP setting.
- 4.6. The following outlines staff qualification requirements by program:
 - 4.6.1. QSAP or RSAP – education, assessment and treatment services in CIP, YCIP and SROP.
 - 4.6.2. SATOP Qualified Professional – education, assessment screening and treatment services in OMU, OEP, ADEP and WIP.
 - 4.6.3. Qualified Instructor – education services in OEP, ADEP and WIP

5. End of Bulletin